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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: VIAL, S.

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PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests retroactive extension of the term for response to the official action mailed November 15, 2005, to and including the filing of the attached Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. The required fee for the requested three month extension, is submitted concurrently by charge authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

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